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## DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

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The undersigned hereby declare and state:

1. THAT we are co-inventors of the subject matter of all the claims (i.e., pending Claims 2-63) of the above-identified U.S. patent application, as filed. We have assigned all rights, title and interest in the above-cited invention to Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation. This Declaration is submitted in furtherance of prosecution of the above-cited application.
2. THAT all statements made herein based upon our own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
3. THAT, prior to September 11, 2001, we had conceived and diligently worked to reduce to practice the invention described in the subject application (Application No. 10/011,251) and as defined in Claims 2-63 in this country, as evidenced by the attached concept drawing dated September 6, 2001.
4. THAT we filed a non-provisional application on December 3, 2001 reciting the invention. This non-provisional patent application was later assigned Serial No. 10/011,251.

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5. THAT all statements herein of our knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like as made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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